

## **KDHE Secretary Initiates Policy Review Process**

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Last week, Secretary Bremby signed two new Agency Policies (formerly called Secretary's Policies). The new media contact policy and the legislative contact policy will help improve communication within the agency regarding all media and legislative contacts and will also serve to help us to provide better information to those contacting KDHE with questions. Many questions from reporters and legislators touch multiple parts of the agency; therefore, it is important to coordinate our efforts to ensure KDHE provides an accurate and thorough response as well as prompt follow up.

For additional information regarding the new media contact policy, please call Sharon Watson; and for additional information regarding the new legislative contact policy, please call Susan Kang. These policies are available on the intranet at <http://intranet/pio/index.html>.

A review of all of the Agency Policies is currently underway at KDHE so these two policies are the first of many the agency will be revising over the next few months. As these documents are updated, notifications will be made to staff through Lotus Notes and the intranet, and managers will be offered training regarding specific policies.

The Agency Policies are a valuable resource for KDHE staff ensuring consistency throughout the agency and consistency with state policies.